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PRESS RELEASE

Commissioner Buckingham Announces the 2023 Save Texas History Top Texan Tournament

Texans of all ages invited to make their predictions and vote on this year's Top Texan

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AUSTIN — Today, Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham M.D. announced the start of the 2023 Save Texas History Top Texan Tournament, a bracket-style competition that coincides with the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, March Madness. The Texas-style March Madness tournament "tips-off" on Texas Independence Day and concludes shortly after Texas History Month.

"The Top Texan Tournament offers everyone the chance to engage with our state's rich history in a unique and exciting way," said Commissioner Buckingham. "From our pioneers, cowboys, and revolutionaries to our civil rights leaders, academics, and musicians, learning about the lives and achievements of Texas' most influential leaders inspires greatness in us all and will help create the Lone Star State's next generation of trailblazers."

The first stage of the competition is the prediction round. Participants can fill out their brackets by picking matchups from 64 famous figures throughout our state's history made up of 32 men and 32 women, to determine their own Top Texan. Participants can then submit their bracket predictions before voting begins for a chance to win history-themed prizes. Voting can be accessed at the [Save Texas History](https://www.glo.texas.gov/save-texas-history) website. The deadline to submit predictions to the contest is March 12th at 11:59 p.m.

The six following voting rounds will last from March 13th to April 3rd, and a winner will be announced on April 4th. The technology used to power the bracket will automatically rank users after each round based on the accuracy of their predictions. With Top Texans Sam Houston, Stephen F. Austin, and David Crockett officially retired, this year's tournament is guaranteed to crown a new winner!

Winners will receive items from the GLO's Save Texas History Program.

2023 Top Texan Schedule

Deadline to submit predictions: Sunday, March 12, 11:59 p.m.

First Round: March 13-17 (Monday at 12:00 a.m.-Friday at 11:59 p.m.)

Second Round: March 18-21 (Saturday 12:00 a.m.-Tuesday 11:59 p.m.)

Third Round/Sweet 16: March 22-24 (Wednesday 12:00 a.m.-Friday 11:59 p.m.)

Fourth Round/Elite Eight: March 25-27 (Saturday 12:00 a.m.-Monday 11:59 p.m.)

Fifth Round/Final Four: March 28-30 (Tuesday 12:00 a.m.-Thursday 11:59 p.m.)

Sixth Round/Top Texan: March 31-April 3 (Friday 12:00 a.m.-Monday 11:59 p.m.)

Winner announced: Tuesday April 4

About Save Texas History

Created in 2004, the Save Texas History program is a statewide initiative to rally public support and private funding for the preservation and promotion of the historic maps and documents housed in the GLO Archives and serves as a resource for teaching and digitizing Texas history. If you would like to donate to the Save Texas History program to adopt a document or map, assist with archival acquisitions, develop educational programs, or support digital projects, please visit www.savetxhistory.org, follow Save Texas History on Facebook at [Facebook.com/SaveTXHistory](https://www.facebook.com/SaveTXHistory) and Twitter at [Twitter.com/SaveTXHistory](https://twitter.com/SaveTXHistory).

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